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I. Introduction

1. The Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) held its eleventh meeting at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 19 and 20 February 1998. The agenda for the session, as adopted by the Committee, is contained in annex I, the list of participants in annex II, the list of documents in annex III and the provisional agenda for the twelfth meeting in annex IV. In adopting its agenda, the Committee added four issues to agenda item 8, "Other matters", namely, (a) the report of a consultative meeting among regional institutions; (b) the proposed international year of mountains; (c) the World Conference on Science in the Twenty-first Century; and (d) a conference on sustainable tourism in small island developing States.

II. Matters for consideration by the Administrative Committee on Coordination

A. Follow-up to the outcome of meetings of ACC and intergovernmental bodies

1. ACC

2. Under this item, the Committee focused on the issue of coordinated follow-up to recent United Nations global conferences, which has been considered by the ACC and some of its standing committees since 1995. Following the completion of the work of the three ACC ad hoc inter-agency task forces and the comprehensive assessment carried out by ACC at its second regular session of 1997 on the integrated and coordinated follow-up to the global conferences, based on the reports of the three ACC ad hoc task forces, the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (CCPOQ) organized an inter-agency workshop on field-level follow-up to global conferences at the International Labour Organization Centre at Turin from 10 to 12 December 1997. A representative from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat introduced the report of the workshop, outlining the major recommendations emanating from it.

3. He also briefed IACSD on arrangements for the special session of the Economic and Social Council to be held in New York from 13 to 15 May 1998, to be devoted to the theme of integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits, and shared with members of the Committee the draft outline of the report of the Secretary-General on that topic.

4. The Committee agreed that the major challenge facing the United Nations system was how to assist member countries in operationalizing the policy recommendations contained in the declarations and action plans of recent United Nations global conferences. Several members of the Committee considered that the recommendations of the workshop represented a positive step forward, and emphasized the need for the development of a more focused and strengthened resident coordinator system at the country level that would provide support for such field-level action.

5. The Committee endorsed the recommendation of the workshop that a standardized letter of guidance be sent to all resident coordinators and distributed among representatives in field offices in order to facilitate the harmonization of priorities at the country level and seek to make global policy commitments more relevant to national development goals. The Committee also reiterated the need for national capacity-building for data collection and analysis, and for making further efforts to simplify and reduce the reporting requirements on Governments.

6. The Committee emphasized the importance of cooperation between the Bretton Woods institutions and the other United Nations system agencies and organizations in policy dialogue at the country level, as well as the need to improve the interaction of United Nations system organizations with civil society in order to build wider constituencies in support of United Nations system activities at the country level. There was also general agreement within the Committee regarding integrating gender equality and human rights dimensions in United Nations programming and policies at the country level.

7. The Committee noted that after the expiration of mandate of the ACC ad hoc task forces, CCPOQ, IACSD and the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality (IACWGE) would continue to make arrangements, led by task managers, to provide policy advice and programme assistance in the follow-up to recent United Nations global conferences at the country level. The Committee considered the possibility of expanding the role of the task managers for that purpose, and agreed to pursue the matter further.

8. Members of the Committee felt that future work in the United Nations system related to coordinated and integrated follow-up to recent global conferences should be seen as another opportunity to advance further the understanding regarding ACC's agreed approach to the concept of sustainable development, which, as outlined in the ACC statement to the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly was an overarching framework for United Nations system-wide activities in the economic, social and

environmental fields. Such an approach should apply to both United Nations system-wide activities at the field level, and United Nations system inputs to future intergovernmental deliberations, including those in the Economic and Social Council.

9. The Committee invited CCPOQ to examine further whether the model of United Nations system task managers as it had evolved under the auspices of IACSD, which had received general support from United Nations Member States in the context of the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), could be used effectively in other areas of collaboration and coordination within the United Nations system. Although members of the Committee considered that the task manager concept – as a decentralized and participatory system of responsibilities for coordination and cooperation – might have limitations, particularly in fields where a lead agency might be difficult to identify, it was nevertheless felt that the overall potential of the task manager approach had not yet been fully realized within the United Nations system.

2. Intergovernmental bodies

10. The Committee agreed to consider decisions and issues relating to the Commission on Sustainable Development under its agenda item 6.

11. The representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) briefed the Committee on preparation for the second session of the UNEP High Level Committee of Ministers and Officials, which had been rescheduled for 2 to 4 March 1998. He informed the Committee that following the election of the new Executive Director of UNEP, additional papers for the meeting, in particular on the issues of financing and freshwater resources, were under preparation and would be circulated to IACSD members as soon as they were ready. He reiterated that the participation of United Nations organizations was welcomed by UNEP.

12. The representative of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) informed the Committee about the adoption on 5 September 1997 of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, and indicated that the text of the Convention could be retrieved from the Internet, at:

http://www/iaea.or.at/worldatom/updates/convention.html.

13. The Chairman briefed the Committee on the outcome of the third meeting of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held at Kyoto, Japan, from 1 to 10 December 1997.

14. The Secretary of the Committee also brought to the attention of the Committee a letter he had received from the Secretary of IACWGE, conveying the request of the IACWGE that other ACC standing committees, including IACSD, explore ways in which the gender perspective could permeate the work of ACC as a whole in order to ensure system-wide attention to gender issues and gender mainstreaming. The members of IACSD had an initial exchange of views on the issue, and agreed that efforts should be made to link that issue with the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The Committee proposed that the secretariat of IACWGE explore options for undertaking action in that area and provide guidance to IACSD on how best that work could be carried forward. It further requested the IACWGE secretariat to communicate in writing its proposals to members of IACSD, soliciting their comments, so as to enable a more fully developed proposal to be considered at the next meeting of IACSD. The Secretary of the Committee was also requested to respond to the Secretary of IACWGE on behalf of the Committee, outlining the course of action proposed above.

B. Dates, venue and provisional agenda for the twelfth meeting of IACSD

15. The Committee agreed to hold its next meeting at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 14 and 15 September 1998; the provisional agenda for that meeting is contained in annex IV below.

III. Work of IACSD

A. Guidelines for national action

16. A representative of the Division for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat introduced the background note that had been prepared. The Committee agreed that the overall goal was to work towards a common and agreed set of guidelines for each of the five themes previously identified by IACSD (i.e., national sustainable development strategies; integrated approach to land and water management; integration of sustainability concerns in national fiscal instruments; sustainable tourism; and local sustainable development initiatives). Those guidelines would eventually be made available to resident coordinators, as well as to staff in the organizations of the United Nations system involved in providing policy advisory services to assist national Governments in the implementation of Agenda 21.

17. A more short-term objective was to develop further and revise, by June 1998, the existing compilation of guidelines currently available in the five thematic areas. It was agreed that the designated lead agencies/subcommittees would initiate the work stipulated in the report of IACSD on its tenth session, starting with a review of the compilation of guidelines that had already been completed, to include the following:

(a) Action by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to revive the work of the IACSD Task Force on Sustainable Development Strategies to review, further identify and develop guidelines for an overall approach to the elaboration of national sustainable development strategies;

(b) The ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources would undertake, in relation to its ongoing work in this area, the review of the guidelines for an integrated approach to land and water management;

(c) The Division of Sustainable Development would lead the work related to guidelines on the integration of sustainability concerns in national fiscal instruments as the task manager for financial issues, including the possible inclusion of this issue on the agenda of the next expert group meeting on financial issues of Agenda 21;

(d) The Division for Sustainable Development would organize work on guidelines related to sustainable tourism, in cooperation with the World Tourism Organization, UNEP and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

(e) Habitat would develop specific proposals for reviewing and developing guidelines in support of local sustainable development initiatives.

18. The work required for each of the five thematic groups would involve conducting consultations in a systematic manner among relevant or interested United Nations system organizations for the purposes of: (a) making the list of available guidelines as complete as possible; (b) providing brief annotations to guidelines to be included in the list; (c) adding information, such as sources for further information and references, contact points in the key agencies, national counterparts, examples of best practices where relevant; and (d) analysing available guidelines with a view to reconciling differences among existing guidelines and working towards a common set of guidelines in each thematic area. It was recognized that that last item was resource-intensive and could only be realized over a long period of time. The results of the work on the first four items would be reported to the twelfth meeting of IACSD.

B. Sustainable development workshops

19. A representative of the Division for Sustainable Development introduced the background paper, and pointed out that the Turin Centre could agree, if approached, to assist in the organization of the training workshops. The Committee requested one or more Geneva-based IACSD members to take the initiative to conduct further consultations with the United Nations Staff College/ILO Turin Centre. The purpose of such consultations would be to determine the best modalities and to design training workshops for field-level United Nations system personnel in implementing sustainable development at the country level, and making field staff more aware of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. Such workshops should be organized on an inter-agency basis and within the next 18 months.

20. The Committee agreed that further updating of the list of planned sustainable development workshops should be focused on the five previously identified thematic areas and organized by geographical regions. The main purpose of compiling the matrix on planned workshops, seminars and expert meetings related to sustainable development would be to assist IACSD member agencies and other interested organizations in identifying activities for which common themes and integrated approaches could be developed, and for which the potential existed for the organization of joint workshops and seminars.

21. The Committee felt that it would be useful to identify resource persons and to establish networks among them for each theme. It was recognized that to be useful, the list would need to be updated periodically and circulated to interested agencies well in advance of the event, which implied that agencies would need to submit information regarding their planned training activities well in advance of the scheduled starting date. The Committee further considered that the circulation of the list of workshops and seminars could be facilitated by posting the information on one of the existing Department of Economic and Social Affairs Web sites, which would provide access to the United Nations system, Governments and interested segments of civil society.

C. Cooperation in the area of energy: preparation for the process in 2001

22. Members of the Committee expressed their general interest and support for the proposals contained in document ACC/IACSD/XI/1998/CRP.5.

23. The Committee agreed that the forthcoming intergovernmental process to be held under the auspices of the Commission on Sustainable Development in the 1999-2001 period provided an excellent opportunity for the United Nations system to elaborate a common approach to the sustainable development energy agenda. Such an approach should cover all types of energy, and should address all aspects of the contemporary energy debate, including its economic, social and environmental dimensions.

24. Although the specific decisions on the nature of intergovernmental arrangements would be taken in due course by the Commission and other relevant intergovernmental bodies, it was agreed that the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly had provided a strong mandate for the United Nations system to decide on the modalities for effective inter-agency collaboration in support of that process. The Committee agreed that the following specific actions needed to be undertaken:

(a) To establish – building on the experience already gained in the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Forests and the informal inter-agency group on energy which met in 1997 – an ad hoc inter-agency task force on energy, with a mandate to elaborate such a common approach and to support the preparations for the 2001 energy discussion in the Commission. Such a task force, which would report on its work to IACSD, could comprise the United Nations organizations most involved in the energy issue, and should provide for an appropriate involvement of relevant organizations outside of the United Nations system. The first meeting of the task force should be convened by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs before the end of 1998. The task force would decide on its chairmanship and the division of labour among the agencies involved, as well as on other specific modalities of its operation;

(b) Positive consideration would be given to the establishment, subject to the availability of resources, of a dedicated secretariat led by a coordinator and composed of staff seconded from the agencies directly involved in the work of the task force. The secretariat would have a time-bound mandate expiring in 2001, and would provide substantive support to both the intergovernmental and inter-agency processes envisaged above;

(c) UNDP, in close consultation with other organizations, will continue exploring possible modalities for the establishment of a Global Energy Forum which should be seen as a body providing an interface for effective involvement in the energy discussion of all the stakeholders, public-sector officials, including non-governmental organizations, the private sector and the academic community.

25. The Committee agreed to continue its deliberations on the issue at its twelfth meeting, and invited the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and UNDP to submit progress reports addressing the issues outlined above.

D. Preparation of the sixth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, including matters relating to the sustainable development of small island developing States

26. The Committee expressed its general satisfaction with the state of preparations for the 1998 meetings of the Commission and its ad hoc inter-sessional working groups. The Committee welcomed active and constructive involvement in the preparatory work of all agencies and organizations dealing with the issues to be addressed by the Commission at its sixth session.

27. The representative of Habitat informed the Committee of a number of meetings that were being held on the issue of freshwater management in preparing for the sixth session of the Commission. Reference was made to international consultations on the theme "Partnership in the water sector for cities in Africa", organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and UNDP at Cape Town, South Africa, from 8 to 10 December 1997. The objective of the meeting was to develop an action plan to address the growing water shortages in African cities. There was wide representation at the meeting by a large number of African countries from those outside the region and a number of United Nations agencies, as well as external support agencies. The Cape Town Declaration, which was adopted by the African ministers, recommended that the action priorities identified in the Declaration be considered for adoption by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixth session, the Organization of African Unity Council of Ministers and Habitat at its seventeenth session.

28. The Committee agreed that the allocation of the task managers/lead organizations for the programmatic areas in the Programme for Action for Sustainable Development of small island developing States, as agreed in the context of preparations for the 1996 and 1998 sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, should serve as the basis for the allocation of responsibilities for the 1999 comprehensive review of progress achieved since the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, to take place during the 1999 special session of the General Assembly, with the seventh session of

the Commission, in 1999, acting as the Preparatory Committee for the special session.

29. The Committee noted with satisfaction the information presented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) regarding its plans for preparations for the eighth session of the Commission, in 2000, in its capacity as the task manager for land-related chapters of Agenda 21, including an initiative to organize jointly with the Government of the Netherlands a Den Bosch II conference[1] towards the end of 1999, as a potentially important inter-sessional preparatory event for discussions at the eighth session of the Commission. The Committee welcomed the approach taken by FAO to start leading preparations well in advance of the eighth session of the Commission.

E. Reports of subsidiary bodies reporting to IACSD

1. Report of the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources on its eighteenth session, Vienna, 1-3 October 1997

30. The Secretary of the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources introduced the report of the Subcommittee on its eighteenth session, and drew attention to the following major issues: (a) integrated approaches to land and water resources management; (b) a Subcommittee water quality initiative; (c) improved information with regard to both activities of the United Nations system in the field of water resources and water resources data; (d) improved system-wide cooperation at the country level; (e) forthcoming themes for World Water Day; and (f) the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, including the possibility of establishing a joint steering committee of the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources and the ACC Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas.

31. Members of IACSD noted with satisfaction the important agenda and outstanding work of the Subcommittee, and expressed full support for the strengthening of the Subcommittee in the future. IACSD approved the selection of Chair and Vice-Chairpersons for the nineteenth and twentieth sessions of the Subcommittee, namely Mr. Gourisankar Ghosh, Chief of the Water, Environment and Sanitation Cluster of the United Nations Children's Fund, and Mr. Cengiz Ertuna, Chief, Water Resources Section, Environment and Natural Resources Management Division of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, respectively. IACSD also approved the dates and location of the eighteenth session of the Subcommittee, to be held at the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia headquarters at Beirut from 19 September to 1 October 1998. The session would be preceded by the eighth meeting of the Inter-Agency Steering Committee for Water Supply and Sanitation, which would be held on 28 September 1998. Consideration of cooperation between the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources and the ACC Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas in the implementation of the Global Programme of Action was deferred to the discussion of the report of the ACC Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas on its sixth session.

2. Report of the ACC Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas on its sixth session, Lisbon, 20-23 January 1998

32. The report of the Subcommittee was introduced by its Chairperson. She drew the attention of the Committee to part I of the report, which summarized the conclusions and recommendations of the Subcommittee regarding its main areas of work over the past year, including preparations for the 1998 International Year of the Ocean; a review of the implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities; and development of a United Nations atlas of the oceans, a prototype of which was being prepared for the United Nations Pavilion at Expo '98, opening in May 1998. The Subcommittee also discussed its role as task manager for chapter 17 of Agenda 21, and presented several proposals to IACSD for the preparation of the seventh session of the Commission, in 1999, which would consider oceans and seas as its sectoral focus. In addition, the Subcommittee considered the El Niño phenomenon, and agreed to forward a joint statement on El Niño to the inter-agency task force soon to be meeting on that subject (see ACC/IACSD/XI/1998/CRP.7, annex IV).

33. IACSD endorsed the Subcommittee's request to hold its seventh session during the week of 25 January 1999 at Monaco, at the invitation of the IAEA Marine Environment Laboratory. It also approved the Subcommittee's recommendation that the current Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson continue in their functions through 31 December 1999. Regarding its proposals on the preparations for the seventh session of the Commission, IACSD endorsed the opinion of the Subcommittee that one of the Commission's ad hoc inter-sessional working groups for that session be devoted to the subject of oceans and seas, and agreed to recommend to the Commission that a separate ad hoc working group on oceans and seas be established for its seventh

session, while also giving due attention to other socio-economic issues. Also regarding the preparations for the seventh session, the Subcommittee proposed that in line with that year's guidelines for task managers' reports, the main 16-page report of the Secretary-General on oceans be supplemented with three addenda dealing with (a) implementation of the Global Programme of Action; (b) an overview of the 1998 International Year of the Oceans; and (c) collaborative activities of the United Nations system. Several members of the Committee also expressed the view that it would be more useful for the Commission to receive more substantive input from different organizations of the United Nations system, for example, on the topics of the socio-economic aspects of fisheries management and coastal zones. The Committee agreed to discuss the matter further with the Commission's secretariat following the election of the Bureau for its seventh session in early May 1998.

34. Finally, concerning its proposed functions as a steering committee for the Global Programme of Action on technical cooperation and assistance (a role given to the Subcommittee by the UNEP Governing Council at its nineteenth session), which were to be carried out in collaboration with the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources, the Chairperson of the ACC Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas reported on its own informal meeting and the informal joint meeting of the two subcommittees held in August 1997 at Stockholm, and proposed that a second informal joint meeting take place in August 1998, either at Stockholm (prior to the Stockholm Water Symposium) or at The Hague at the newly established office of the Global Programme of Action secretariat, under the auspices of UNEP. It was suggested that the Subcommittee itself meet for two days to consider its report to the seventh session of the Commission, and then join with members of the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources to discuss Global Programme of Action matters. IACSD agreed to that informal arrangement for 1998, but on the advice of its Secretary, noted that the question of additional meetings of the Committee would have to be addressed in the context of ACC's ongoing review and streamlining of its subsidiary machinery, including the frequency of inter-agency meetings. In conclusion, IACSD expressed its appreciation to the Subcommittee for the important work it had been undertaking.

F. Other matters

1. Consultative meeting among regional institutions

35. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs representative made a brief presentation of the report of a consultative meeting among regional institutions, which was convened in New York from 4 to 6 February 1998. The meeting had been called in response to decisions taken at the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly, in which the Assembly had urged the Commission to promote increased regional cooperation for the implementation of Agenda 21 and to provide a forum for voluntary regional exchanges of national experiences. It was felt that the meeting had relevance for all IACSD members who worked through or with regional institutions.

36. The Committee noted the need to work more closely and develop better links with regional ministerial meetings, many of which were instrumental in setting regional priorities for sustainable development.

2. Proposed international year of mountains

37. The Committee noted that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1997/45, had invited the Secretary-General, in consultation with Governments and relevant international, regional and non-governmental organizations, to prepare for the Council's substantive session of 1998 a report on the desirability of proclaiming an international year of mountains and on other ways and means of ensuring the sustainable development of mountain countries. The Committee further noted that the decision on proclaiming such a year rested with the Council and the General Assembly.

38. Regarding preparations of the Secretary-General's report for the 1998 session of the Council, the Committee welcomed the readiness of FAO, as the task manager for chapter 13 of Agenda 21, to collaborate closely with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on the matter and make a contribution to the draft report. Furthermore, the Committee invited all interested United Nations organizations to submit their views and proposals regarding the timing and possible programmatic contents of such an international year to the Department and FAO in order to contribute to the preparation of the report.

3. Common approaches to inter-sessional activities organized by Governments

39. The Committee felt that to the extent feasible, organizations of the United Nations system should promote common procedural approaches to inter-sessional meetings and initiatives organized by Governments in support of the Commission's programme of work. Although it was understood that specific arrangements for such meetings and initiatives were usually determined by the Governments themselves, it was stressed that United Nations organizations,

when invited to support such activities, should strive to promote the participatory and multi-stakeholder practice established by the Commission. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs was invited to prepare general guidelines based on the practice established by the Commission that which could be used by United Nations organizations in the future.

4. World Conference on Science for the Twenty-first Century

40. The representative of UNESCO briefed the Committee on the preparations for the World Conference on Science for the Twenty-first Century: A New Commitment", to be organized by UNESCO and the International Council for Scientific Unions in 1999 (late June or early July). Members of IACSD expressed their strong interest and support for the Conference. In particular, they felt that the Conference could make a significant contribution to enhancing the role of science for sustainable development, including fostering international scientific cooperation on all scientific aspects of the different chapters of Agenda 21 and related conventions. UNESCO invited member organizations concerned to consider their full cooperation in the organization of the Conference, including its preparatory process. It was suggested that the timing of the Conference be planned not to conflict with other major meetings, so that all international agencies could participate.

5. Conference on sustainable tourism in small island developing States

41. The representative of the World Tourism Organization (WTO) briefed the Committee on a WTO/UNEP co-sponsored conference on sustainable tourism in small island developing States, scheduled to be held in Mauritius from 7 to 10 September 1998.

Notes

[1] The Den Bosch I conference was an important event in the preparatory process for UNCED, particularly chapters 10 and 14 of Agenda 21.

Annex I

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and timetable.
2. Follow-up to the outcome of meetings of:
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   (b) Intergovernmental bodies.
3. Guidelines for national action.
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5. Cooperation in the energy area: preparation for the process in 2001.
6. Preparation of the sixth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, including matters relating to the sustainable development of small island developing States.
7. Reports of subsidiary bodies reporting to IACSD:
   (a) Report of the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources on its eighteenth session;
   (b) Report of the ACC Subcommittee on Oceans and Coastal Areas on its sixth session.
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   (a) Consultative meeting among regional institutions;
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   (c) Common approach to inter-sessional activities organized by Governments;
   (d) World Conference on Science in the Twenty-first Century;
   (e) Conference on sustainable tourism in small island developing States.
9. Adoption of the report.

Annex II

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Annex III

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ACC/IACSD/XI/1998/CRP.4	Sustainable development workshops
ACC/IACSD/XI/1998/CRP.5	Cooperation in the area of energy: preparations for the process in the Commission on Sustainable Development, discussion paper prepared by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs
ACC/IACSD/XI/1998/CRP.6	Report of the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources on its eighteenth session
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Annex IV

Provisional agenda for the twelfth meeting of IACSD

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   (b) Intergovernmental bodies.
3. Follow-up on decisions made at the sixth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.
4. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1999 to review the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.
5. Guidelines for national action.
6. Energy cooperation/preparations for energy discussion in 2001.